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AF/W FOR AMBASSADOR BOYATT AND DIRECTOR SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, UV  
SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS HEADQUARTERS NEW INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 200471 (NIACT IMMEDIATE TO SAHEL PEACE CORPS DIRECTORS)

1. RECENT TELECON BETWEEN PC DIRECTOR AND PC/AF REVEALED  
REPORTED MARY KING/SAM BROWN DECISION TO INCREASE NUMBER OF  
PC VOLUNTEERS IN UPPER VOLTA WORKING IN FOOD PRODUCTION,  
WATER, HEALTH, AND ECOLOGY/ENVIRONMENT FORM PLANNED 64-74  
TO 127 IN FY 79. (THERE ARE AT PRESENT 29 IN THESE FIELDS).  
INITIATIVE IS PART OF NEW SAHEL-WIDE EFFORT.

2. THIS PROPOSAL FAILS TO TAKE SUFFICIENTLY INTO ACCOUNT  
FACT THAT VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT EVOLVES FROM TWO-WAY DIALOGUE  
WITH HOST GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN UNILATERAL PC/W DECISION.  
THERE SIMPLY ARE NOT ENOUGH GOOD VOLUNTEER SLOTS IN UPPER  
VOLTA TO ACCOMMODATE THIS PROPOSED DOUBLING NEXT YEAR (OVER  
DOUBLING ALREADY PROGRAMMED). EFFORT TO PRESS THIS WITH  
GOUV WOULD NOT BE IN INTERESTS OF PEACE CORPS, GOUV, OR USG.  
PC DIRECTOR IS CONCERNED, AS ARE WE.

3. EMBASSY AND PC/UV SHARE STRONG INTEREST IN INCREASING  
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VOLUNTEER EFFORTS IN THESE KEY AREAS. VOLUNTEERS ARE READILY  
ACCEPTED, ARE DOING OUTSTANDING WORK, AND ARE APPRECIATED BY  
GOUV. IF HARD PUSH MADE FOR EXTRAORDINARY INCREASE TO 127  
VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT IN THE FOUR FIELDS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO  
PC/W, THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT GOUV MIGHT ACCEDE,  
SIMPLY BECAUSE PAST PC/UV RECORD HAS BEEN SO GOOD. BUT  
GOUV WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THESE NUMBERS,

AND WHOLE EFFORT WOULD PROBABLY TRUN OUT TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

4. REALIZE SENSITIVITIES RELATED TO THIS HIGH LEVEL ACTION INITIATIVE, BUT WE THINK AF MIGHT USEFULLY WEIGH IN AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO ATTEMPT INSURE THAT ACTION LEADERSHIP FULLY APPRISED OF POTENTIL DAMAGE TO OVER-ALL PEACE CORPS EFFORTS IN UPPER VOLTA WHICH PROPOSED INITIATIVE COULD ENTAIL. KILLION

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